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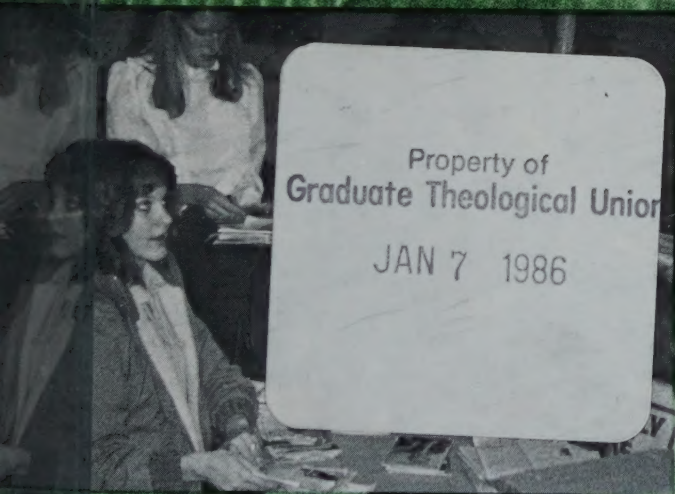
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Holland, Michigan
- ARGO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Argo, Alabama



My Guatemalan Adventure

by Dorothy W. Haeussler

I want so much to share the many wonderful Christian experiences I had during my recent visit to Guatemala. I hardly know where or how to begin. Each day brought a new "can-you-top-this" high. However, I will try to convey the excitement, enthusiasm, and blessings I shared with these wonderful people.

Early on December 1, which was a beautiful, warm Saturday morning, we travelled by car to Quetzaltenango with a caravan of Christian Endeavorers to attend the National Christian Endeavor Convention. A bus load of delegates had gone ahead the evening before to the Collegio Evangelico La Patria where the convention was to be held.

Quetzaltenango is located at the foot of Volcan Santa Maria, about 150 miles west-northwest of Guatemala City. Originally it was the capital of a Queche Indian Kingdom. In 1524 it was ruthlessly conquered by the Spaniards under

Pedro de Alvarado. In 1902 the city was destroyed completely by an earthquake and an eruption of the Santa Maria. Today it is the republic's second largest city. Its inhabitants are mainly Indians or Mestizos of Queche descent. Their language is known as **Mum**.

In 1981, our Woodstock Christian Endeavor group was instrumental in providing funds to assist some Guatemalan Christian Endeavorers to attend the World's Convention in Portland, Maine. One of the delegates from the highlands of Guatemala was a young Indian teacher by the name of Juana Maria Perez. Juana Maria brought us a gift made by her own Christian Endeavor group: a weaving which illustrated **C.E. for Christ and the Church** in the "Mum" language. As we drove through this Queche territory, I realized this was the country of Juana Maria and wondered if she would be at the convention.

The approach road snakes around the foot of volcanos and later climbs to very high altitudes traversing an area the Guatemalans call **Alaska** because it is so high and so very cold. The industry of Quetzaltenango seems to be mainly agricultural. We drove past many corn fields and wheat fields in the countryside. They all were very neatly cared for and created square patterns over the hills, like distant patchwork quilts.

We arrived at the Collegio well past lunchtime but there was food waiting for us. The dining room had been cleared, the youth were in the courtyard playing ball, but the three Indian women who had prepared the food were waiting for us. There were two large iron cauldrons containing stew and tamales

wrapped in corn husks, kept hot in a huge galvanized washtub that probably had seen wash earlier in the week. And, tortillas—for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Then later, cold tortillas for a snack. By the time we tackled our lunch we were very hungry and **everything** they offered was delicious.

After lunch we joined the rest of the delegates in the meeting hall. There were at least 200 delegates from all parts of Guatemala and we enjoyed a wonderful time of renewing Christian friendships.

The next morning, after a breakfast of delicious black beans, fried eggs, and tortillas, we spent about an hour in the Indian market. There was a riot of color and so many people dressed in bright Indian costumes. As we worked our way through this mass of humanity, I heard my name called. It was Juana Maria. What a thrill to see her again and to hear how she is still working for Christ and the Church.

What a loving bond we have in Christ all around the world! And I say, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you for everything!"

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Christian Youth Witness

Albert H. Diebold Awards

1985

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1985 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. David G. Jackson, General Secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash and grants to attend the 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Holland, Michigan, July 1-5, 1985, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards were presented to recipients at Hope College on July 4, 1985.

Individual winners entered an activity, projects, posters, talk. Entries had to be completed before February 28, 1985, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used and their Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects completed before February 28, 1985. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 34 years. The 1985 Program marks the 29th year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for this year's entries were: Mr. Marlin Heisey, retired school supervisor, Palmyra, Pennsylvania; Rev. Michael Sigman, youth minister, Reading, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Etta V. Barner, Junior Christian Endeavor sponsor, Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

Individual

Kevin Shults
Northport
Christian Church
Newport, Tennessee

For his witness poster Kevin receives \$125 in cash plus a grant of \$100 for the expenses of attending the 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 1-5, 1985, in Holland, Michigan



Society

Senior Christian Endeavor Society
Harlem Reformed Church
Holland, Michigan

For its Christmas "Forgotten Man Mission," this group receives \$150 in cash plus a grant of \$150 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 1-5, 1985, in Holland, Michigan

SOCIETY WINNERS

HARLEM REFORMED

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Harlem Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan, has won first place in the society competition for its Christmas "Forgot-



ten Man Mission" to the inmates at the Ottawa County jail in December.

As a fund raising project, the group sold "Spook Insurance" for Halloween, providing coverage on houses, grounds, windows and cars. If "damage" occurred to the item covered, the Senior Christian Endeavor cleaned up that item. The money received went to purchase postage stamps for their project.

The group spent three Wednesday nights gathering the materials for the Christmas boxes for the inmates. Each box contained a magazine, Bible study material, an apple, an orange, a plate of cookies, a bag of popcorn, and a roll of Life Savers. Cards and stamps were also given to each inmate to send to his family or friends. The group received a heartwarming letter from the chaplain and the forgotten inmates at the prison for its kindness.

ARGO PRESBYTERIAN

The Christian Endeavorers Society of Argo Presbyterian Church, Argo, Alabama, were second place winners in this year's

competition for their tent ministry project at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham. The group volunteered to work at the Wales Gobel tent ministry, October 7, 1984. Over the tent a large sign posed the question, "What is the most important question in the world?" Under the question were suggested answers, "Being popular?" "Making the team?" "Having a million dollars?" and so on. A young man encouraged people to come in for a FREE public survey. The survey began with the person's name, age, address, church attended. From this point the questions led to, "Who, in your opinion, is Jesus Christ?" "Do you feel a need to be closer to God than you are now?" The interviewer would continue the interview mapping out the plan of salvation according to the willingness of the person being interviewed to go on. Twelve young people from the Argo group were involved in the tent ministry



under the guidance of Youth Director Rick Goertzen. Of the people surveyed October 7th, forty people prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.

For placing second in the society competition the Christian Endeavor Society of Argo Presbyterian Church received \$100 in cash plus a grant of \$75 for expenses of one or more representatives at the International Convention in Holland, Michigan.

CENTRAL SCHWENKFELDER

The third place winner was the Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of the Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania.

The group's main project was the presentation on August 10th of a musical entitled "Celebrate Life." Three other churches were involved in the production. Other activities throughout the year were "Crop Walk" on Sunday, October 16; Trick-or-treating for UNICEF on October 31; a live nativity scene December 17th; and participation in worship services February 5th. Kim Wollpert serves as President of the Christian Endeavor Society and Dr. Jack R. Rothenberger is Pastor of the Church.

The third award of \$75 in cash plus a grant of \$50 was given to the Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Central Schwenkfelder Church.

VALLEY VIEW WESLEYAN

Fourth place in this year's competition goes to the Christian Endeavor Society of Valley View Wesleyan Church, Roanoke, Virginia. The group's major witnessing was through its puppet ministry. Fourteen youth were involved in weekly practice with many programs presented throughout the year. Other ministries of the youth include taping morning worship services for shut-ins, leading youth week worship services, sponsoring a senior citizens' banquet, preparing a float for the Christmas parade, presenting a live nativity scene on the church lawn and sponsoring an overseas needy child. Norma Kidd serves as President of the group.

For its fourth place finish, the Christian Endeavor Society of Val-

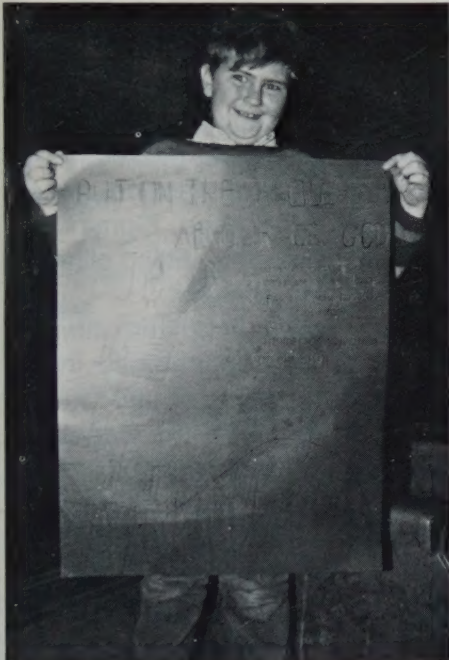
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INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

FIRST

Kevin Shults, an eleven year old member of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, is the first place winner in the individual category of the 1985 Christian Youth Witness Program.

In winning top honors, Kevin entered the poster of an armored man in the Tennessee Christian Endeavor poster contest and displayed it at the Cosby Coin Laundry in Cosby, Tennessee, during February 1985. The poster encouraged people to "Put on the whole armor of God."



Kevin, a fourth grade student at Pittman Elementary School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shults.

SECOND

The second place winner in the individual category of the 1985 Christian Youth Witness Program is fifteen year old Patricia Shults of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

Patricia received the second place award with her poster, "The Plan of Salvation—a Ladder of Success." The poster was displayed

for one week at Latham's Supermarket in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and also entered in



the Tennessee Christian Endeavor poster contest. For placing second Patricia received a cash award of \$100 plus a grant of \$75 for expenses of attending the 58th International Convention in Holland, Michigan.

Patricia is President of her Christian Endeavor society and a freshman at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

THIRD

Phillip Shults was the third place winner in the individual category of the 1985 Christian Youth Witness Program for his poster based on the words, "God Loves," and a mirror that reflected the reader's image showing people who looked into the mirror that God loves them.

This poster was an entry in the Tennessee Christian Endeavor poster contest and displayed for a week in February at Food City Supermarket, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The third place award in this year's competition was a cash gift of \$75.

At seven years of age. Phillip is one of the youngest members of the Northport Christian Endeavor Society. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shults, he is a student at Pittman Elementary School.



Society Winners

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ley View Wesleyan Church received \$50 in cash.

RUNNERS-UP

Runners-up in the society entries, listed alphabetically by states, are: Christian Endeavor Society, Jackson Center Presbyterian Church, Jackson Center, Pennsylvania; Senior High & Post High Christian Endeavor Societies, Westminster Mayfair Presbyterian Church and Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mt. Olivet United Brethren Youth, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

AFRICAN STYLE

by Shirley M. Fretz

Place: Bumpe, Sierra Leone, West Africa

Date: March 1, 2, & 3, 1985

Bumpe is well known, not only in United Brethren Church circles, but also throughout the country of Sierra Leone, and into the neighboring country of Liberia, because of its two United Brethren Mission schools, Bumpe Primary School and Bumpe High School. In these schools quality education is received, and they, therefore, have attracted students from far and near.

Bumpe was the location chosen for the 1985 Sierra Leone National Christian Endeavor Union Rally. The theme selected for this year's Rally was "Christ Is My Strength."

Early in the day on Friday, a knock came at my door, and I was happy to see five members of the Christian Endeavor group from Tanninahun. They had heard about the Rally, and even though they had organized only two weeks before, were now coming as observers. They wanted paper so they could take notes and report back to their own group.

Friday afternoon excitement rose as lorries and vans began arriving from Bo, Freetown, Mattru, and other places. As evening approached, it was obvious that this was to be no ordinary Christian Endeavor Rally. More groups were coming than we had seen for many years. Because there is no telephone service in this part of the country, and letters when "sent with someone" to be delivered do not always reach their destination, you never know until the opening day just how many people will be present. Therefore, the problem of

lodging for everyone (since the boarding schools could not accommodate all), was solved by the kind hospitality of the Bumpe people, who opened their hearts and homes to the strangers who had come for this special weekend.

Saturday morning saw the children in the assembly hall of the Bumpe Primary School for devotions by Miss Miriam Kamanda, followed by Bible lesson and activities under the leadership of Mrs. Elaine Metzger, of Mattru. At the same time, the youth had gathered in Hope Hall (Bumpe High School's chapel), for devotions by Chaplain Mr. E. H. M. Morlai, followed by a presentation of "Christian Endeavor on the Move."

The Bible Quiz competitions were keen. Three groups competed in the junior division — Bo, Bumpe, and the one that came the farthest was a team competing for the first time, from Kabati. Five teams competed in the youth division, these being from Bo, Kissy, Mattru Town, C.S.S. Mattru, and Bumpe High School. It was obvious that most of these folks had spent much time studying, and if a team lost one round, often they would bounce back to win the next time. The large chapel was filled, not only for the Saturday afternoon Quiz Finals, but also for the Saturday evening service, at which time the message was given by Mr. Marlin SeEVERS from Freetown, followed by the singing competition. Again, the same groups competed in the junior division as did for the quiz. Five groups competed in the youth division, but this time Lumley competed instead of Bo, and Wellington joined Kissy to present their

specials. The judges had a most difficult time, as everyone did so well. Tanninahun group did not take part, but were eagerly watching all that went on and making their notes.

Sunday morning worship service again saw the chapel filled. Pastor Morlai conducted the service, and while extending a hearty welcome to all, mentioned specifically the group of five people from the newest Christian Endeavor group in Sierra Leone. Can you guess who they were? You are so right, the Tanninahun people. Rev. Kyle McQuillen, Field Secretary of the United Brethren Mission, gave the morning message. Communion Service brought a fitting climax to the morning session.

As we approached the dining hall, the festive appearance indicated that this was not just "Sunday lunch" but was the banquet when special events would take place, along with the special meal that would be served. The chairman for this occasion was Mr. S. A. Brima, Principal of C. S. S., Mattru, Jong. Mr. McQuillen again gave a very fitting message in which he likened our lives as Christians to planting a garden. Whatever we sow, that is what we will reap.

The newly elected officers, including Rev. Joseph Ellie, Mattru, as President, were installed. Now came the time for the presentation of trophies and other awards. Mattru Town Youth were rewarded for their hard work, as they took first place to win the trophy for the Bible Quiz. The Junior Quiz trophy went to Bumpe Primary Christian Endeavor. Bumpe High School Youth had spent many hours and days practicing their songs. It paid off as

they received the trophy for the Youth Division. Bo Juniors again took the trophy for the junior singing competition. Various other gifts and awards were also handed out. Then Rev. J. A. T. Williams, the Christian Education Secretary of the United Brethren Church, who had prepared the gifts for presentation, said he had a special award to give, and that was for the newest Christian Endeavor group. He asked: "Who can tell me who the newest Christian Endeavor group is?" With that, replies came from various corners of the banquet hall: Tanninahun, Tanninahun." So the group from Tanninahun received their gift, a nice thick exercise book in which to record their minutes.

The Christian Endeavor Rally is over for another year, but the Christ of Christian Endeavor lives on, and will continue to be "Our Strength" until He comes again to take us to our eternal reward. May He receive all the honor and praise.

A Special Opportunity

Clyde and Phyllis Meadows are the co-chairmen for the "Forward Look Committee" to raise an additional \$50,000 for the Extension and Perpetuation Fund of the International Society by the time of the 1987 International Convention in Buffalo, New York, July 6-10.

This \$50,000 will be capital funds, with only the annual earnings being used for the current needs of the International Society of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. In this way these gifts will be used by Christian Endeavor year after year.

Because Francis E. Clark was the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, the Extension and Perpetuation Fund Trustees have approved a plan to name certain contributors as a "Francis E. Clark Fellow."

This special designation will be given to anyone who makes a gift

of \$1,000 or more to the Extension and Perpetuation Fund. If desired, it is possible to make gifts "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" specific persons. This recognition will cover gifts for the benefit of either the International Society or the World's Union.

Since this project was started in 1983 at the Seattle Convention, it has been discovered that there are many Endeavorers who are interested in contributing to a permanent fund, in addition to their regular contributions to the current operations of Christian Endeavor.

Dr. and Mrs. Meadows have reported that as of November 15, 1985, \$31,892.31 has been paid or pledged. Additional contributions may be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows, 23 Midcliff Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43213, or directly to the International Society Headquarters in Columbus.

1985 SERMON CONTEST WINNERS

Winner of the 1985 Christian Endeavor Sermon Contest was Rev. Lonnie W. Barnes, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in America, Roanoke, Virginia, for his sermon, "For Christ and the Church," which was preached February 3 at the evening service. For his message he received a cash award of \$100. His complete sermon will be printed in the next issue of **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**.

Second place was awarded to Rev. W. J. Altpeter, pastor of Rexmont Evangelical Congregational Church, Rexmont, Pennsylvania, who delivered a sermon, "Why Go to Church?" in the worship service February 10. He received an award of \$75.

Rev. Herbert Schaal, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United

Church of Billings, Montana, received \$50 for third-place honors.

Awards were presented for sermons between March 1, 1984, and February 28, 1985, based on the Christian Endeavor Motto: **For Christ and the Church**.

Judges for the competition were the students of the senior Homiletics class at Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Professor Kirby N. Keller.

Why Go to Church?

Mr. Altpeter, in the message which took second-place in the competition, made the following statements:

"The church, the body of Christ, is an eternal family, and we will be together forever. Should not our

loyalties to this family be at least as strong as they are to our earthly families?

"If we are going to be properly prepared and trained to carry out our marching orders from Jesus Christ, the church is the proper training camp.

"If you are genuinely interested in finding God, the best place to find Him is where the family of God is meeting, because in a very special way, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God in Christ is present wherever His people are gathered together.

"It would appear that church attendance is a purely voluntary action on the part of the Christian, but such is not the case. In the book of Hebrews there is a verse that has the force of a command (Hebrews 10:25)."

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